

I am strongly against RM-10521 for several reasons. In the U.S., military use has priority. Has this been properly addressed to them? The usage of 446.0 Mhz by unlicensed users could cause significant confusion to, causing false arrest as result thereof, etc. by interference to users the amateur service due to it's usage as the national simplex frequency for that band. In certain instances, this could well degrade ability to communicate priority traffic there.

Albeit low power as the Family Radio Service, the fact these communications are occurring in close proximity to active amateur traffic would likely "desense" radios of radio amateurs operating a short distance away. Consider the scenario where a foreign visitor allows an American to utilize their radio for what becomes an unlicensed, yet legalized usage of amateur spectrum under this proposal. Furthermore, with online commerce becoming more global, what is to keep these radios from becoming more invasive and problematic to licensed users here if this proposal receives approval? This possibility would not settle well with most who have gone through the sacrifice of personal time and expense in earning their licenses.

I am concerned any approval of this proposal would set a precedent for future expansion of the FRS band here and abroad. Since this band has few remaining allocations for repeaters in my state being an indicator of the band's popularity, granting such a proposal will cause harm to licensed users and is ill advised. The present FRS band is safely distant and has caused no harm to my operations. To conclude, there should be a strong line separating convenience from a greater need, that of preservation of life and property as hams have assisted through these frequencies in the past.

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